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## EXPORT BREADSTUFFS.

Bread stuffs exported from the United States in 1904 seem likely to be less than one-half in value those exported in 1903. These figures relate to the calendar year and are based upon the eleven months' preliminary statement issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor through its Bureau of Statistics. The figures of the November advance statement of exports of breadstuffs, provisions, cotton and mineral oils issued by the Bureau of Statistics show that the total value of breadstuffs exported in the eleven months ending with November was, in round terms, 23 million dollars, against 176 millions in the corresponding eleven months of last year.

These figures are preliminary and cover only the more important ports of the country, but sufficiently approximate the total to indicate clearly the relative value of the breadstuffs exported in the present year as compared with those of last year. Thus, the preliminary figures indicate that the value of breadstuffs exported during the eleven months' period was less than one-half that of the corresponding months of 1903, and seem to justify the estimate that the complete report for the full calendar year will also show a total of less than one-half that for the immediately preceding calendar year.

Despite the fact that the breadstuffs exported will show a fall of practically 100 million dollars for the entire calendar year, indications now are that the total exports will differ but little from those of the preceding calendar year. This, of course, means that in other articles there has been an advance sufficient to nearly offset the great loss in exports of breadstuffs, and the figures of the Bureau of Statistics seem to justify this conclusion. For the eleven months ending with November the preliminary figures show an increase of 10 million dollars in value of mineral oils exported and 14 millions in the value of cotton exported, while ten months' figures show an increase of 64 million dollars in the value of manufactures exported as compared with the corresponding months of the preceding year.

In the single month of October manufactures showed an increase of ten million dollars over October of last year; and should the November and December figures show approximately like gains the increase in manufactures alone for the calendar year would exceed seventy-five million dollars. Thus the figures available at the present time indicate that the loss of approximately one hundred millions in the value of breadstuffs exported will be nearly or quite offset by an increase in manufactures and raw cotton, the bulk of the increase, however, being in manufactures, chiefly iron and steel, copper, mineral oils and cotton goods.

This decrease in exports of breadstuffs occurs in all the important classes grouped under the general title of breadstuffs, but is especially marked in regard to wheat. Comparing the preliminary figures of the present year with the preliminary figures of last year, the total number of bushels of wheat exported in the eleven months ending with November, 1904, is stated by the Bureau of Statistics at 12,219,173, as against 67,789,731 in the corresponding months of 1903; of flour, 10,686,467 barrels, as against 17,102,758 barrels in the same months of last year; of corn, 33,314,984 bushels, as against 86,659,013 in the same months of last year, and of oats, 1,026,245 bushels, as compared with 1,415,075 bushels in the corresponding eleven months of 1903. This falling off in exports of breadstuffs, as has been already and frequently indicated, is believed to be due, first, to a slight reduction in the home production; second, to a material increase in home consumption, and third, to unusually large wheat crops abroad which reduced the world's demands for breadstuffs of the United States.

## PHILIPPINE WAR NEWS.

An example of picturesque journalism is found in a recent "despatch" to the Manila Times, the paper which recently reported that the liner Korea had put into Esquimaux to avoid the Russian fleet. The latest from Port Arthur is printed three columns wide with sky-scraping type headlines.

For comparison we give the skeleton cablegram and the form in which it appeared in the Honolulu papers.

Original cablegram:  
"Spetersburg. Unconfirmed report Russians captured 203 metre hill."

Honolulu interpretation:  
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—An unconfirmed report has been received here that the Russians have captured 203-Meter Hill at Port Arthur.

Manila Times version:  
San Francisco, December 23.—Two hundred and three meter hill, upon the ensanguined slopes of which both the Russian and Japanese have hung awa-

thousands upon thousands of gallant lives, and by the capture and occupation of which the Japanese besiegers have been able to dominate the "doomed city" and to annihilate the Russian squadron, has at last, after repeated costly failures, been won back by the Russians after a most terrific battle begun in the bitter cold and darkness of midnight and ended hours after the sun had illuminated the corpse strewn hill.

The Japanese, after their success at the Kee-Kwan, attempted to carry the Itz-su-shan works in the same manner. The Russians fell back from their outermost line and allowed the Japanese to get between the works when a murderous hail of rifle, shrapnel, machine gun fire and the use of the hand grenade at close quarters swept the attacking column back, reeling and shattered beyond the outer works and down the hill. A withering fire was turned upon the discomfited stormers as their broken ranks surged back. Star shells made the field, for the attack was made in the night, light as day and aided the defenders to see their enemy.

After the reverse at the Itz-su-shan the Japanese being naturally somewhat dispirited and in need of recuperation, the Russians seized the opportunity to again attempt the storming of the 203 metre hill. The assault began shortly after midnight of Wednesday and fully a third of the Russian garrison was employed. A fierce attack by way of diversion was ordered upon the east Kee-Kwan fort after the storming party was well on its way up the hill. The resistance of the Japanese garrison of the fortifications was characterized by extreme desperation.

The total Russian loss is not reported yet, but is known to be over a regiment of men.

Sugar ranges above \$100 a ton and everybody is happy. Yet a local grower of grapes complains that he is only offered \$136 per ton for his product and he won't sell. Tobacco of the class being raised at Hamakua is rated by experts at \$2.50 a pound. Will some opponent of diversified agriculture figure out the gross returns for a ton? At twenty-five cents a pound the product would be worth \$500 a ton. As the king of tropical agriculture, tobacco makes sugar look like a scullion in the pantry.

The sons of Byron O. Clark and W. W. Thomas have taken up homesteads, their belief in small farming having been fixed by the experience of their fathers at Wahiawa. It is probable that as soon as the Palolo valley is put on the market the land will be taken up by industrious white settlers. Wherever land is ready the man who wants to cultivate it appears. Among practical men there is no more doubt about small agriculture than there is about large.

The city has no desire to see a fort on Punchbowl, and it is understood that the engineering board of the army did not recommend one, though something was said about a battery of mortars there. Forts are supposed to defend a city, not to invite its destruction, as a fort on Punchbowl would do.

It is eleven years ago today that the Provisional Government was declared and the monarchy overthrown.

How do you make that out? The event occurred in January, 1893, and this is January, 1905.

If there is any police department that needs overhauling and needs it badly it is that of Kauai.

## TARO FLOUR FACTORY MAY BE CONSTRUCTED

James Armstrong is figuring on a factory for the production of taro flour, a grist which sells under a special trade name for 50 cents a pound. Taro is the most digestible of foods, the flour is good for invalids and for a children's ration, and it is an antidote for a jag. Its use on the mainland is gradually extending and Mr. Armstrong thinks he sees a fortune ahead. Should the factory be built the former rice fields here and on the other islands may be used for raising taro instead.

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## Bishop Beasliek Coming.

Word has been received from Bishop Beasliek that he expects to arrive on the Manchuria, which sails from San Francisco January 25. He brings with him his son Arthur, who has recovered sufficiently to be able to travel. Friends of the Bishop will be glad to know that he is able to return after his long absence.

## DR. ALVAREZ'S ADVICE TO OUR PORTUGUESE

Dr. Alvarez, who is now in Mexico, writes as follows to a friend in this city: "I see by the papers that some Honolulu Portuguese are preparing to come to Mexico to better their fortunes. This country is now very prosperous and, if the Portuguese come with some money, they will do well, but if they come without anything they will be disappointed. They ought to know that the laborers in some states of Mexico earn only 18 cents silver, or about nine cents gold. Hence they live on tortillas of corn and beans. The Portuguese could not live on such food. Their dwellings are often jacals, i. e. huts made of upright sticks with roof of earth and floor of same material. The Portuguese are accustomed to better houses, consequently they would not like to live as the Mexican laborers live. I hope, for their sake, that they do not come here to meet with disappointment."

Dr. Alvarez adds some personal notes of interest to old friends here. He says that Mrs. Alvarez is at present in Los Angeles, visiting the older daughter, Florence, who is at school in that city. Walter will be a graduate in medicine next April at the Cooper College in San Francisco; and the next boy, Milton, is studying agriculture in Mesilla park, New Mexico. Dr. Alvarez hopes to return to Honolulu before long.

## "DICK GARVIN" IS GOING BACK EAST

Henry S. Stark, better known as "Dick Garvin," the bag puncher, baseball player and all round athlete, will stop giving lessons at the end of the month and will begin studying for a Government position, which he expects to get at Washington. He will leave for that city early in June. Young Stark came here several months ago to play with the H. A. C. baseball team. His professional name for some six years back has been "Dick Garvin," because of the opposition of his father, Hon. James B. Stark of Philadelphia, to have the name of Stark in professional athletics. Mr. Stark has been one of the best known all round athletes in America for the past ten years. In 1890 he won the bag punching championship of America at Madison Square Gardens and in 1900 and 1901 at the National Sporting Club of London. He has an excellent record as a basketball player on the best teams in Pennsylvania.

In 1903 he enlisted in the United States army and went to Manila to be an army physical instructor and to play ball in the Manila League. After a severe illness he was sent to the Presidio and there got his discharge, after being in the army for ten months.

Before leaving for Washington Mr. Stark will pitch half a dozen games, probably with the Punahou, to show that his fame as a baseball player has not been a bluff, and that he is there with the goods.

## HELPER OF WOMEN TO RESIDE HERE

Mrs. George W. Townsend, who has just retired from the presidency of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union of Buffalo, New York, will arrive in Honolulu on the Manchuria. She comes here to reside with her niece, Mrs. Oscar White. She has been president of the literary club of the Church of the Messiah for twenty-four years, and of the Industrial Union for twenty-three years.

Mrs. Townsend has accomplished great things for womanhood in the city of Buffalo. She has been greatly interested in securing laws governing the property rights of women, protection of working girls and securing them proper wages. Mrs. Townsend, withal, is a very modest woman and a very quiet and unobtrusive worker. She will be a great acquisition to the general life in the islands.

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